

A Short Teaching on Having Babies
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Greetings on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Readings: IS 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24

So many of our Millennials are giving over to the general malaise that has fallen upon the people. Expanding my “right back at you” response - to awaken something deeper. Using the readings for today -- hear something new. Know that we who love you, see so much more!

ASK! NO! (a short version of the dialog in Isaiah).

Ahaz simply had such a minimal view of the love and mercy of God that he could not bring himself to ask for good things, wonderful things, and amazing things. God, knowing Ahaz's needs and for the rest of us as well... God does not weary of giving the goodness of life to you. For Ahaz and for you He gives himself: Emmanuel (“God with us”). Let God be God for you and your husband.

Do you not also recall the Exodus account of the midwives? “The, midwives, however, feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt had ordered them, but let the boys live (Ex 1:17). Read that to your husband at bedtime tonight (the good grab of the story is Ex 1:8-2:10).

Joseph her husband, ... decided to divorce her. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. (a short version of the dialog in Matthew). Stop believing the worst of things about humanity, environment, governments, people, family and your beloved. Forgive, forget, forever.

Joseph - Do not be afraid! (MT) Mary - Do not be afraid! (LK) Zechariah - Do not be afraid!
(LK) Shepherds - Do not be afraid! (LK) A basic pattern to hold on to!

1. The world kinda sucks now – Flee to Egypt (MT 2:13) – God has your back.
2. We're poor as hell – Offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh– God will provide.
3. Traffic and high rents make life miserable. The community of believers was of one heart and mind... they had everything in common (Acts 4:32). Share stuff.

The other 6 ‘reasons’ are just silly. ☺ You are the children God gave us. We fear nothing for you. God does not weary of giving the goodness of life to you.

Peace be with you.

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